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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 1/19/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to applicant's 01/19/2006 amendment(s)/response(s) in the application of **BIJWAARD et al.** for "**CONTROLLING LEVELS OF TRAFFIC IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK WITH A RELAY NODE AND A NETWORK NODE THEREFOR**" filed 07/31/2001. The amendments/response to the claims have been entered. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-11 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ayyagari et al.* (US 2001/0024434), hereinafter *Ayyagari*.

Regarding claims 1 and 7, *Ayyagari* discloses a telecommunications network comprising a plurality of user nodes (web enabled cellular phone 210, laptop computer 215, digitizing pad 220, see figure 2), a relay node (access point 200), and controller means (subnet bandwidth manager "SBM" 205, see figure 2) operative to allocate resources so as to control levels of traffic transmitted from/to the user nodes via the relay node, the controller means being operative to allocate a data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes via the relay node in from or out

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of the network (the SBM allocate bandwidth for the requesting user nodes via the relay node, see abstract; and steps 500, 505, see figure 5).

Ayyagari fails to explicitly disclose that the controller means being operative to allocate a data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes which is up to twice that for traffic via the relay node in from or out of the network.

Ayyagari, on the other hand, discloses the "wireless link" have lower bandwidth or rate and error rate than the "wired link" (see paragraph 29).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to allocate the "wired link," between the access point 200 and receiving node 230, twice or more bandwidth rates than the "wireless link" between the access point 2000 and the wireless nodes 210, 215, 220, in order to maximize the link throughput of the wired link.

Regarding claim 2, *Ayyagari* discloses at least some user nodes include a respective regulator of best effort traffic, the regulators being controlled by traffic level control signals sent by the controller (the starting node hosts QOS handling mechanisms such as RSVP and Packet Scheduler, see paragraph 0057).

Regarding claims 3 and 8, *Ayyagari* discloses the regulators are controlled by the control signals so as to set the maximum level of traffic sent per unit time by their respective nodes (the authorization is communicated to the task by returning an acknowledgment message to the starting node. The QoS handling mechanism at the

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starting node assigns the priority level tag, or alternatively in the case of an embodiment of the invention where the starting node is also the access point for a wireless link into a network, the SBM approves a requested tag value, see paragraph 0057).

Regarding claim 4, *Ayyagari* discloses the traffic comprises best-effort traffic (see paragraph 0055).

Regarding claim 5, *Ayyagari* discloses the traffic comprises traffic having a predetermined associated Quality of Service (QoS) (see paragraph 0055-0056).

Regarding claim 6, *Ayyagari* discloses the telecommunications network is a wireless local area network (see figure 2 and paragraph 0002).

Regarding claim 9, *Ayyagari* discloses a network node for a telecommunications network, the node comprising

a regulator (SBM, see figure 2) operative under the control of received control signals (request signals from wireless devices, see paragraph 0048) to limit the levels of traffic sent on by the node per unit time dependent on desired data transmission rate (QOS), the desired data transmission rate for traffic from user nodes via the relay node to user nodes being set at up to twice that for traffic via the relay node in from or out of the network (the access point 200 includes subnet bandwidth manger "SBM" to control

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access to the network, see paragraphs 0017 and 0047).

Regarding claim 10, *Ayyagari* discloses the node being a relay node (Access Point 200 is relay node, see figure 2).

Regarding claim 11, *Ayyagari* the node being a user node (the starting node, see paragraphs 0057 and 0060).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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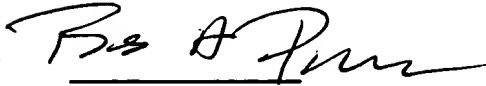
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